

Sinclair Broadcasting is, for the second time, forcing an obvious political agenda onto their affiliates by requiring them to preempt regular programming and air "Stolen Honor" in it's place.

The first time was when they refused to run the Nightline episode that showed the coffins of the soldiers killed in Iraq.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.